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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND ELECTION OF SPECIES

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the office action dated September 19, 2005, setting a one month period for response, Applicant's attorneys respond as follows:

RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner has requested that the Applicants elect for further prosecution on the merits from two groups of claims:

Group I - Claims 1-14 and 23-30, drawn to a hydroentangling support fabric, classified in class 442, subclass 337.

Group II - Claims 15-22, drawn to a method of producing a support fabric, classified in class 139, subclass 97.

Applicant elects, <u>without traverse</u>, Group I claims 1-14, and 23-30 for further prosecution in the present application.

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